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- 1. A DISTRAUGHT AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU TELEPHONED AF/W DECEMBER 7 TO SAY THAT OUAGADOUGOU HAD JUST INFORMED HIM THAT THE PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS HAD BEEN PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED AND THAT IT SHOWED THE SATELLITE GROUND STATION WOULD BE INAUGURATED BY A TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND PRESIDENT CARTER.
- 2. WE EXPLAINED TO YAGUIBOU THAT NEITHER THE PRESIDENT NOR THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TELEPHONE CALL, BUT AGREED TO SEE IF SOME ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS NOW AGREED TO PARTICIPATE AT US END, IF THIS IS AGREEABLE TO VOLTANS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE HAVE SO INFORMED VOLTAN EMBASSY HERE. YOU SHOULD CHECK THIS OUT WITH VOLTAN GOVERNMENT, SAYING THAT WE GREATLY REGRET NEITHER PRESIDENT NOR VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULES PERMIT THEM TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE CABINET, IS PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN GROUND STATION INAUGURATION. AMBASSADOR

YOUNG IS NOW SCHEDULED TO MAKE CALL AT 11:00 A.M. EST DECEMBER 9, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT UNGA DEBATE ON RHODESIA MAY LEAD US TO SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE TIME. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT WHAT BEST ALTERNATIVE FROM PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S POINT OF VIEW MAY BE.

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